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ENP01F0072362 2/00/VCA/R114-72 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 (AVNZAVIA-AZI)

POSSIBLY TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY NVAF MIG'S (ALL TIMES ZULU)

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*SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 TO 24 [] VCK/R244-72, 270706Z ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA ON 27 DECEMBER NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) MIG-21'S DOWNED POSSIBLY TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT--ONE F-4 AND ONE HELICOPTER--OVER NORTH VIETNAM. TWO NVAF MIG-21'S REACTED TO \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT AT 0633 FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AND BEGAN TO RECEIVE VECTORING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER. AFTER DROPPING AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS, THE MIG'S WERE GIVEN ORDERS TO ATTACK AT 0646. THE LEAD PILOT FIRED TWO MISSILES AND CLAIMED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE \$HOSTILE\$. THE MIG'S RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN BY 0656 AND DISCLOSED THAT THE WINGMAN HAD ALSO EXPENDED ONE MISSILE. A SINGLE MIG-21 WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF PROBABLY FROM HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD AT 0707 AND THEN RECEIVED VECTORING TOWARD \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT. BY 0713 THE MIG PILOT HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO ATTACK AND IDENTIFIED HIS TARGET AS \$SLOW MOVERS\$ 10 KMS TO HIS RIGHT. THE TARGET WAS \$HOVERING\$ AT A DISTANCE OF FOUR KMS FROM THE MIG AT 0715, AND ONE MINUTE LATER THE MIG CLAIMED A SHOOTDOWN. THE MIG RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AT 0728. COMMENT THE REFERENCE TO \$SLOW MOVERS\$ AND \$HOVERING\$ INDICATE THE TARGET WAS PROBABLY A HELICOPTER. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, TWO USAF F-4'S SUSTAINED BATTLE DAMAGE OVER NVN DURING THE TIME OF THE FORMER REACTION. ONE OF THESE WAS POSSIBLY DOWNED IN NVN TERRITORY. ALSO ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, ONE U.S. HELICOPTER ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION WAS DOWNED DURING THE LATTER REACTION. XXHH 30 300 08259 NNNN

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